

Dear Commisioner Powell,As a long time broadcaster (20 plus years), it has been very distressing to see consolidation of the media stifle creativity and dilute, if not eliminate local service and programming commitments. Satellite radio brings me an alternative outlet for entertainment that I am willing to pay for. As such, I oppose any and all efforts from the NAB to restrict the variety and scope of programming on either XM or Sirius satellite service. If terrestrial broadcasters embrace a paradigm shift, the marketplace will sort itself out. The NAB doe not represent the views of most open minded citizens, nor many of the broadcast groups they claim to serve. This is apparent by the exodus several years ago of many large broadcasters. A free and open marketplace encourages competition and hopefully creativity. I respectfully urge the FCC to REJECT the NAB petition 04-160 and any other attempts to squelch content of pay broadcast services, whether delivered on cable or by wireless methods.